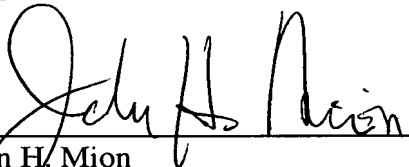


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**REMARKS**

The above amendments have been made to eliminate all multiple dependent claims (both proper and improper), thereby both ensuring examination of all of claims 1-17 on the merits in the first Office Action and eliminating the need for a multiple dependent claim fee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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